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DEPT PASS TO NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

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SUBJECT: VISIT TO JAPAN

REF: KRATZER'S LETTER TO RICHMOND, SCI, 8/21/74

SUMMARY: NHK REQUESTS DR. HANDLER GIVE LECTURE FOR TV.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DR. HANDLER ACCEPTS

AND ALSO SEND FLIGHT INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ALREADY
ARRANGED.END SUMMARY.

1. OFFICIALS OF NHK (JAPAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION) HAVE
APPROACHED EMBASSY TO REQUEST THAT DR. HANDLER LECTURE FOR
20-25 MINUTES ON TOPIC SIMILAR TO HIS PRESENTATION IN OKAYAMA
AT MEETING OF BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY OF JAPAN: ROLE OF SCIENCE IN
THE FUTURE OR FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.
NHK WOULD LIKE TO RECORD TALK ON VIDEO TAPE FOR SHOWING NATION-
WIDE NOVEMBER 15. AFTER LECTURE, FIVE OR SIX
JAPANESE SCIENTISTS WOULD DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES THEIR
REACTION TO DR. HANDLER'S THOUGHTS.

2. NHK ESTIMATES THAT ENTIRE RECORDING SESSION, INCLUDING
PREPARATIONS, WOULD TAKE 60-90 MINUTES. RECORDING COULD BE DONE
IN EITHER OKAYAMA OR TOKYO TO SUIT DR. HANDLER'S CONVENIENCE.
PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY WHETHER DR. HANDLER ACCEPTS AND, IF SO,
SEND HIS SUGGESTIONS ON PLACE, DATE, AND TIMING OF LECTURE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DR. HANDLER'S ARRIVAL
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AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE IN JAPAN, SO THAT

APPROPRIATE PLANS MAY BE MADE. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM ABCC OFFICE THAT DR. HANDLER ARRIVING TOKYO SOMETIME OCTOBER 8, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY ON 9TH, PRIOR TO DEPARTING FOR OKAYAMA ON 10TH. DUE TO VERY FULL SCHEDULE ARRANGED FOR VISIT OF NASA ADMINISTRATOR DR. FLETCHER IN TNSHT RIN OCTOBER 7-9, EMBASSY HOPES DR. HANDLER WILL STAY IN TOKYO AT LEAST PART OF OCTOBER 10 (A JAPANESE HOLIDAY). DR. HANDLER ALSO CORDIDCJFZY INVITED TO ATTEND AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION AT 6* &M PM ON OCTOBER 8, AT WHICH BROAD SPECTRUM OF JAPANESE SCIENCE COMMUNITY WILL BE PRESENT. SHOESMITH

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